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SUBJECT.

Telegraphic message sent by the of the Sri Swaigunga Mutt to H. E. the Vc in connection with the demise of Hrs late Majesty, styling himself the head and trade representative of whole Hindu community.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES	LATER REFERENCES

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

D.O. letter received from the Residency in regard to the telegraphic message sent by the Swami of the Sivaganga Matt to His Excellency the Viceroy in connection with the demise of His late Majesty.

Order.

Approved
~~K.R.W.~~
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The D.O. to the Hon'ble the Resident has been returned with the Dewan's official letter placed on file.

These papers may be filed after perusal
13/6/10

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for information a D.O. letter received from the Residency in regard to the telegraphic message sent by the Swami of the Sivaganga Matt to His Excellency the Viceroy in connection with the demise of His late Majesty.

2. The accompanying draft reply may be approved.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

I think that any error in mere words or procedure should be overlooked in view of the sentiments conveyed and the motive underlying the act.

If the definite article is changed into the indefinite in the expression, 'the religious head' wherever it occurs, no objection can be taken to the applicability of the expression. As a matter of fact, I know that they are not strong in their "English" department in this matter.

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N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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D. O. No. H 1035

No. 2926

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE

D 2130 A/6th May 1910.

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My dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith a newspaper --- cutting publishing a telegraphic message from His --- Holiness the Sivaganga Sri Sankaracharya, and to say that the message in question does not appear to have been transmitted through the Residency.

* Return requested.

The Resident will be glad to be informed whether the Sivaganga Guru has the right to style himself "the religious head and true representative of the -- whole Hindu Community throughout the whole of India".

Yours sincerely

W. S. Meyrick

First Asstt. Resident.

T. Ananda Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Dewan of Mysore.

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My dear Sir,

I herewith send a newspaper cutting (to be kindly returned early) containing a ~~telegraphic~~ telegraphic message from the Sivaganga Swami to the Governor General.

I am to ask, whether you would kindly find out the report is a correct copy of the ~~message~~ message actually sent.

I request also to be informed whether the Swami has the right to style himself, "the religious head and true representative of the whole Hindu Community throughout the Whole of India".

An early reply will much oblige yours sincerely

A Subramaniah Offg

D.O No. 123

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Replied as per copy of reply forwarded 21/5/10

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General and Revenue Secretariat,

Bangalore, 16th May 1910

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I am to ask you to kindly find out whether the report is a correct copy of the message actually sent.

I request also to be informed whether the Swami has the right to style himself, "the religious head and true representative of the whole Hindu community throughout the whole of India."

An early reply will much oblige.

Yours Sincerely,
C Balasundaram

A. Subramania Iyer Esq.
Muzrai Superintendent.

Secret 719 — 09
Bangalore.
Draft of D/ 21st May 1910

My dear Sir,

I return herewith the news-paper cutting sent with your D.O. letter No 123 dated 16th instant.

It is true the Sivaganga Swamie has sent the telegrams published in the newspaper. I saw the office copy with the Swamie the day before yesterday and it corresponds with the newspaper report.

When I asked the Swamie how he could style himself "the religious head and the representative of the whole Hindu community throughout the whole of India" he said that he never claimed to be the religious head of the whole Hindu community and that the persons who translated into English the Kanarese version of the message must have made some mistake.

The Swamie however justifies his styling himself the representative of the whole Hindu community for the reason that in his tours over the greater part of India Hindus of all classes and

and creeds have attended his lectures and that nobody ever expressed any dissent What he means seems to be that the views expressed by him is acceptable to the whole Hindu community. Whatever the case may be as regards religious doctrines there can be no doubt that in regard to the views expressed by the Swamis in the telegraphic messages referred to there can be no disagreement

Yours sincerely

V. A. Subramhanya Ayyar

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr.

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Secret 719-09 & 3

Bangalore

21st May 1910

My dear Sir

I return herewith the newspaper cutting sent with your D.O. letter No 123 of 16th inst.

It is true that Sivaganga Swami has sent the telegrams published in the newspaper. I saw the office-copy with the Swami the day before yesterday and it corresponds with the newspaper report.

When I asked the Swami how he could style himself as the religious head and the representative of the whole Hindu Community throughout the whole of India, he said that he never claimed to be the religious head of the whole Hindu community and that the person who

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referred to there can be no disagreement.

Yours sincerely

C.S. Balasundaram Esq:

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4 June 10

Mysore
8th June 10

D. O. No. 928/En 1

My dear Sir, Cleng 719-09
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I am in receipt of Maharaja's D.O. No 292 of 16th May 1910 enclosing a newspaper cutting publishing a telegraphic message from His Holiness the Swami of the Kovaraya Mutt. The message in question appears to have been sent by the Swami direct.

2. With reference to the enquiry whether the Swamy is the right body to style himself as the religious head and the representative of the whole Hindu community throughout India or the whole of India", I may say that the Swamy has no such right. On enquiry made from the Swami has stated that he never claimed to be the religious head of the whole Hindu community, and that the mistake must be due to the person who translated the message from Kanarese into English. The Swamy however justifies his styling himself the rep of the whole Hindu community on the ground that in his tours over

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ever expressed any dissent. What
he means remember that the
view expressed by him is acceptable
to the whole Hindu community.
By representative is to be understood
not the ~~authorised~~ constituted representative,
but a mouthpiece, voicing the
sentiments of large classes
of the people. On the 20th May
1920 the day of the funeral of
His late Majesty, a ~~meeting was~~
memorial meeting was held at
Bangalore, under the Swamis ——— unite Sri Rameswara temple
presidency; and although he is at Ramagiri
the head of any one section of
the Smartha sect, ~~people~~ people of all ——— him
sects attended and showed the
greatest reverence ~~to him~~. If the

3. definite article is changed
into the indefinite in the Expression
"the religious head" and "the true
representative" to occur in the
message, no objection can be taken
to the use of the Expressions: In View
of the high personal character of the Swami
and the historical importance of
his work, as well as in view of
the sentiments conveyed and the
motive underlying the act, the
Bunbar are of opinion that these
small slips may be overlooked

Yours sincerely

K.S. Narasimha C.E. Dewan

3. The newspaper cutting is herewith returned.